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SUBJECT: TOM KELLER, PRESIDENT, GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERNATIONAL
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1. AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY, EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO CONTACT
KELLER MAY 4 WITH QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL. KELLER
SAID THAT NO RPT NO COMPROMISE POSITION WAS REACHED
WITH PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA RE CHINESE ENTRY ASIAN
GAMES 1974 AND OLYMPIC GAMES 1976. HE CONSIDERED IT
HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT PRC WOULD PARTICIPATE IN EITHER
TEHRAN OR MONTREAL.

2. KELLER EXPLAINED THAT STUMBLING BLOCK FOR PEKING
WAS MEMBERSHIP OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) IN VARIOUS
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS GOVERNING FEDERATIONS. PRC MEMBER
ONLY OF ICE SKATING, ICE HOCKEY, AND TABLE TENNIS FEDER-
ATIONS, IN WHICH TAIWAN IS NOT MEMBER, AND HAS POSSIBILITY
PARTICIPATION IN BASKETBALL COMPETITION AS NON- MEMBER
SINCE THAT FEDERATION PERMITS ITS MEMBERS TO COMPETE
AGAINST NON- MEMBERS. HE CONFIRMED THAT PRC INTERESTED
IN JOINING SWIMMING FEDERATION (FINA) BUT WILL NOT JOIN
AS LONG AS TAIWAN MEMBER OF FINA. HE ADDED THAT PRC
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REQUIRES NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IN ORDER PARTICIPATE
IN ASIAN AND OLYMPIC GAMES. PRC DOES NOT AT PRESENT
HAVE A NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE BECAUSE, IN ORDER TO
FORM ONE, PRC NEEDS TO BE MEMBER OF A LEAST FIVE
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS GOVERNING FEDERATIONS. AS STATED
ABOVE, TAIWAN MEMBERSHIP IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATIONS IS SEEN BY PRC A INSURMOUNTABLE POLITICAL
OBSTACLE TO JOINING REQUISITE NUMBER OF FEDERATIONS.
KELLER SAID THAT PRC OFFICIALS TAKING RELAXED POSITION
IN THIS SITUATION, SAYING THAT " PRC CAN WAIT".
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